

FROM FRIEND TO FRIEND

This open letter is directed to the general membership and particularly those with whom I have had personal contact and consider to be friends. It is also by way of apology as well as explanation for my periodic lack of communication in the past year.

A series of events have occurred which, for the average person, would have constituted a heavy load to bear, but coupled with the APRO work load, made it impossible for me to function with my usual performance.

In September, 1978, our office manager Sheila Kudrle left APRO in order to be with her husband in Mississippi. Training new office help and maintaining a semblance of order was difficult at best.

In November, 1978, Mr. Lorenzen and I traveled to Minneapolis to attend the opening of the "UFO Alert" display at the top of the EDS Building in Minneapolis which APRO had been deeply involved in developing. Upon arrival at Minneapolis I learned of the unexpected death of my dear friend, Margaret Davis of Barron, Wisconsin that very morning and it was a crushing blow. I had looked forward to a visit with her but instead attended her funeral.

Upon our return to Tucson we were caught up in the frenetic activity of preparation for Thanksgiving, then the Christmas Holiday.

Our daughter and her husband were expecting their first child in late January and she was showing the symptoms of the onset of uremic poisoning (acclampsia). On February 2nd, she was delivered of a nine pound ten ounce boy via emergency caesarean section. The ensuing frequent hospital and home visits were time-consuming and along with everyday living and APRO chores, quite debilitating.

In March another blow fell. Our daughter exhibited certain symptoms which, after hospital tests, showed that she had a tumor on the the right kidney, with a 96% chance that it was cancer. On April 4th surgery was performed and the right kidney with a carcinoma and lymph nodes were removed. The cancer was the size of the kidney and was contained in the kidney sac and had not metastasized. I go into this in detail because many of you know Lesli and both Mr. Lorenzen and me and will want the details and we simply do not have the time to answer individual queries. She has not undergone chemical or radiation therapy as we polled various medical authorities including some doctors in the APRO membership and all agreed that hypno-therapy would be efficacious. A Tucson physician who has had singular success with bringing about complete remission of cancer by utilizing hypnosis, was consulted and treatment began.

Lesli came out of the surgery with a paralyzed right arm — apparently due to nerve damage resulting from positioning on the operating table during the long hours in surgery. We "pitched in", helping whenever and wherever we could.

In late May, 1979, our little dog Bitsy, became ill and was another source of great pain and concern. Her treatment for kidney failure was undertaken at home,

but on June 9th it was necessary to hospitalize her. Every care, including intravenous feeding, medication and sedation was utilized but she passed away in her sleep on June 13th. For those animal lovers among you, who will be concerned, I must tell you she did not suffer and her last days were not painful to her. She had been a part of our family for eight years and her death was a great loss.

Her passing seemed to have been our last traumatic experience for the year. On June 7th the one really joyful event was the marriage of our son Lawrence (Larry) to lovely Jan Butler in a formal church ceremony.

In July, Lesli had her first thorough check-up — no carcinoma. We began to breathe easier and to pick up the threads of our lives and work again. In September, we celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary. On October 23rd Jim and I flew to Brasilia, Brazil to participate in the first International UFO Congress of Brazil — a five day conference from the 26th through the 30th to which only five Americans, Dr. James Hurtak, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle (APRO's consultant in psychology) and ourselves were invited.

In November we attended the November 17th and 18th "UFOs 1979" Conference in San Diego, California which was hosted by Mr. Hal Starr. There will be details of the Brazilian and San Diego conference in up-coming issues.

The last horrendous event of the last year began to transpire on November 18th on our afternoon flight back to Tucson. I was very tired and was exhibiting symptoms of an asthmatic attack. The usual dose of prescribed medicine helped little and at 1:30 a.m. on November 19th Mr. Lorenzen took me to a local hospital where I expected a routine injection. However, pneumonia in both lungs was diagnosed and I was admitted. I responded readily to treatment, and on Thursday (Thanksgiving) the intravenous tubes were removed and I was released on Monday, November 26th. (Never spend Thanksgiving in a hospital — it's surprising how they can ruin even turkey).

Progress has been steady and the hospitalization proved to be a blessing in disguise — I got one whole week of uninterrupted rest, lots of sleep, no worries, etc.

So that, my friends, is the tale of a year of woe. We look forward to a better year ahead.

Not incidentally, our first grand-child is Master Jason Bogard Stryker, with red-blonde hair, blue eyes and a sunny disposition. We can't help being optimistic.

This letter is being written on the evening of December 21st, four days before Christmas. Many of you usually receive a holiday card from us and perhaps next year we will be able to resume the tradition.

Sincerely,
Coral E. Lorenzen

P.S. and thank you for understanding.

GROUND TRACES IN MINNESOTA

HUMANOID NEAR GERENA, SPAIN

By Ignacio Darnaude

One Friday in late November, 1978 (evidently November 24 — trans.), the four witnesses, plus another friend, were hunting just east of the Guadiamar River in the area between the towns of Gerena, Aznalcollar, and Olivares, in the province of Seville, southwestern Spain.



They each had a six-battery flashlight. The night was dark, without any wind, with good visibility and temperature, under a rather cloudy sky. One of the friends decided to return to the car, so he saw nothing of what subsequently happened.

The area of the observation is at approximately 6°20' west longitude and 37°30' north latitude. It is part of the estate 'La Pizana,' 3 kilometers (2 miles) southwest of Gerena. Its principal characteristics are: low hills with some farming, clumps of eucalyptus trees, vegetation located especially near the Guadiamar River, the remains of a Roman aqueduct, and beef

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Close on the heels of a spate of sightings throughout the state comes a report from Lake City, Minnesota, pertaining to strange markings in - you guessed it - a corn field.

On Sunday night, September 16, farmer Curtis Olson, who owns a farm outside Lake City was mowing hay when he spotted an area of downed corn in a nearby field. Upon examination he found the corn crushed and, in his words, "it looks like when you take a hair dryer and it blows all the hair from the center."

At first he thought an animal had caused the damage but close examination revealed that in a fifty foot diameter circular area, corn stalks were flattened in a pattern radiating from the center of the circle. In the center some corn was missing (apparently pulled from the ground) and some stalks were charred. Also, paths led from the large circular area to another about eighteen feet in diameter. It appeared as though "people or someone" had walked along the paths. In the circles corn ears were peeled back and silks had been plucked or blown from some of them. Also in the center of the large circle some stalks were charred.

Olson reported the damage to the Sheriff's Department and on Tuesday Sheriff Robert Lochler came to the farm and investigated. When he concluded his investigation, Lochler admitted he was mystified about the cause of the damage, and called it "unexplainable".

Matt Metz, the local County Agricultural Agent, investigated and noted that none of the corn was diseased or infested by root worms or corn borers. He also said it appeared to be healthy, had good root systems and the corn had been "down for at least a month," putting the date of the "happening" probably sometime in August. Olson had said earlier that he had noticed no damage a week before he discovered it but Metz pointed out that Olson probably didn't see the patch because "You can't see this from walking or driving by." The surrounding corn stands eleven to twelve feet high.

Metz, along with two representatives from the County office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service investigated the strange "foot or hoof" prints found in the ground and said they could not be sure what kind of animal made the prints but agreed among themselves that they were not made by a stray animal.

The origin of the strange ground markings and flattened corn remains a mystery.

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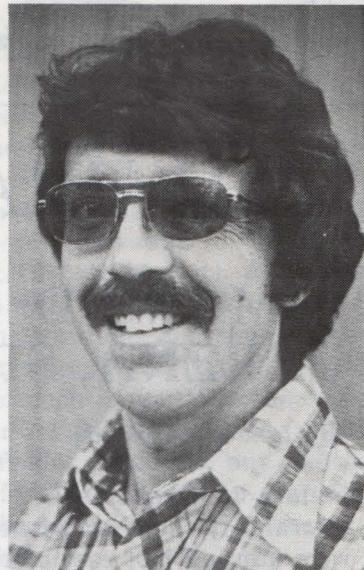
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cattle. The place where the incident occurred is a very dense grove, primarily of eucalyptus trees, with some open areas inside.

Our four witnesses went into the thick grove, after having waded across the stream. It was about 3:30 a.m. They had been there several hours already, and, using their powerful flashlights, continued looking for their prey between the trees, following a road made by tractors. But let witness Manuel Gordillo tell us what happened:

"While still on the other side of the river, I told the others, 'Wait a moment, look at the red lights of a car.' The gypsy who was with us (who could not be interviewed — I.D.) began to say 'Hey, what is that? In my mother's name, in my grandmother's name, what is that?' 'That is a strange thing.' We were seeing it on the ground in the distance. We put out the flashlights and approached. The closer we got, the more light was seen, and then I thought, well it isn't a car. If the car had its back to us, we would have been looking at the drivers, but since we were walking, it was not logical for it to be always red. Then we threw it off the track a little. We crossed the river to the

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Dr. Peter Van Arsdale

NEW CONSULTANT

APRO's Consulting Staff is happy to announce the appointment of Peter Van Arsdale, P.H.D. as Consultant in Anthropology.

Dr. Van Arsdale received his B.A. cum laude in psychology from the University of Colorado in 1969, his M.A. in general anthropology from the University of Maryland in 1971 and his Doctorate in cultural and applied anthropology from the University of Colorado in 1975. He has served as research assistant and teaching assistant at both the University of Maryland and the University of Colorado, and is currently Assistant Professor at the Department of Anthropology at the University of Denver.

Dr. Van Arsdale has been extensively published in his field, and in 1968 he co-authored, with Dr. David R. Saunders, "Points of View about UFOs: A Multi-dimensional Scaling Study", which was published in Perceptual and Motor Skills, 27, 1219-1238. Dr. Saunders introduced Dr. Van Arsdale to UFO research.

Dr. Van Arsdale holds memberships in several scientific associations including the American Anthropological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His awards and honors include fellowship in N I M H Research Training Program in Cultural Exchange, University of Colorado (1972-1975) and the Society of the Sigma Xi (honorary). He is currently carrying on further investigation of the Rocky Mountain Multiple Phenomena case which has been serialized in the Bulletin.

The APRO staff welcomes Dr. Van Arsdale and looks forward to further mutually fruitful association.

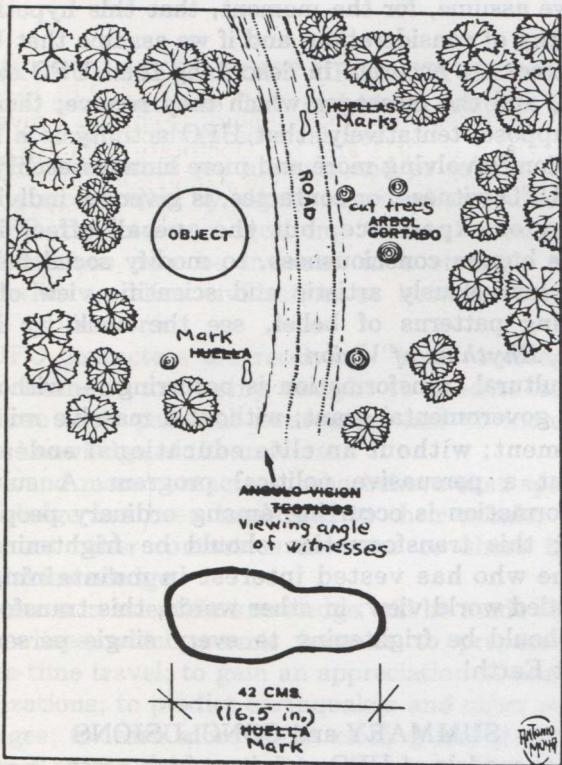
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other side, where it was. We began to hunt and forgot what we had seen, enthusiastic in what we were doing. I was practically alone, without hearing any of the others. I shone the light here and there and didn't see anyone. I turned off my flashlight and whistled for them to answer. Then they turned on their flashlights and I said to myself, 'There they are,' because with the trees no one could be seen. Then they came quickly and asked me, 'Hey, didn't you see that again?' I really hadn't seen it, until they told me about it. What we had seen from the other side was still in that place. There was really a light there, and then I told them, 'Are we going to get closer?' They were very scared. The red light was there and it was doing a strange thing, as if it was shaking. Then I told them, 'Watch me from behind, I'm going to get a little closer.'

"The trees did not let us see the place completely. Another companion wanted to approach with me, and we went on ahead of the other two. There was a person or something walking around it."



It was not just one light, but a row of lights. He could not see everything, and didn't know how tall the being was. But his legs were very big, and he saw just the legs.

"The object seemed round to me, and it was near the ground, right close to the ground. The lights were low. They were about 3 meters (10 feet) high and they must have been about 4 or 5 meters (13 or 16 feet) across. The lights were of different colors. The man

advanced about ten meters (33 feet) and we lost sight of him. He approached again and grabbed something. I don't know if he went in the object or around it, I couldn't see. I didn't see any door in the object.

"I saw the man up to the waist, as I was stretched out on the ground. The light was behind him, and I couldn't make out well what he was wearing. It seemed to me he was wearing shoes or boots, and he was speaking. The voice seemed as if he was in a deep well, it was like 'Mnn, mmm.' The steps were slow, he came toward where we were and went back. I was a little afraid, and I thought of my wife and my children, so I didn't feel very safe."

"The object was about 30 meters (100 feet) away, and the man approached us. Finally, we got out of there very scared. We no longer felt like hunting. So we left running, and I fell and the others fell on top of me."

From Francisco Lopez Rivero's testimony we can indicate the following: This witness remained behind his companion, and observed the scene in a similar manner, though with additional details. The object seemed to him like a large earthen jar, upside down, with a red light on top, stationary. Toward the center of the object he saw several rows of lights of different colors, green, orange, red, and yellow. A little below he observed some bright-colored, silvery legs. He had the impression that at the height of the man's eyes and mouth there was a window, like on a motorcyclist's helmet. He only saw the figure to the waist, and didn't see any arms. The helmet was black or dark, and the rest of the body silvery. As to the sounds emitted by the being; as well as his movements, he agrees with the other witness. He seemed to be a very strong and tall being, of some two meters (6'7") or more.

On Sunday, January 14, 1979, the investigators went to the site of the supposed landing with Francisco Lopez. After certain difficulties in finding the spot where his observation was made, they carefully studied the ground and observed the following:

The place is, as a matter of fact, very wooded, and it is not easy to see. Nevertheless, the exact place where it is supposed that the object landed is a rather circular area, where the trees themselves are situated in this curious geometric pattern. The land was relatively soft, due to the rains that had fallen since before November. They found no sign of traces except for a curious footprint, which seemed to have been impressed into the ground many days before. After carefully drawing the mark, they measured it, and its size was 42 cm. (16.5 inches). Several meters (yards) farther on they found two more marks, made in the soil, and they were the same size as the first. The appropriate experiments showed the mark, in proportion to the height, would correspond to an individual some two meters, ten centimeters (6'11") tall. The distance between the marks was about 13 meters (43 feet).

Thanks to this field investigation, witness Francisco Lopez Rivero gave certain additional details that allowed investigator Antonio Moya Cerpa to make drawings in his presence that he approved, which are included in this report.

Investigators: J. Ignacio Alonso, Joaquin Mateos Nogales, J. Antonio Gutierrez, Manuel Filpo Cabana, and Antonio Moya Cerpa.

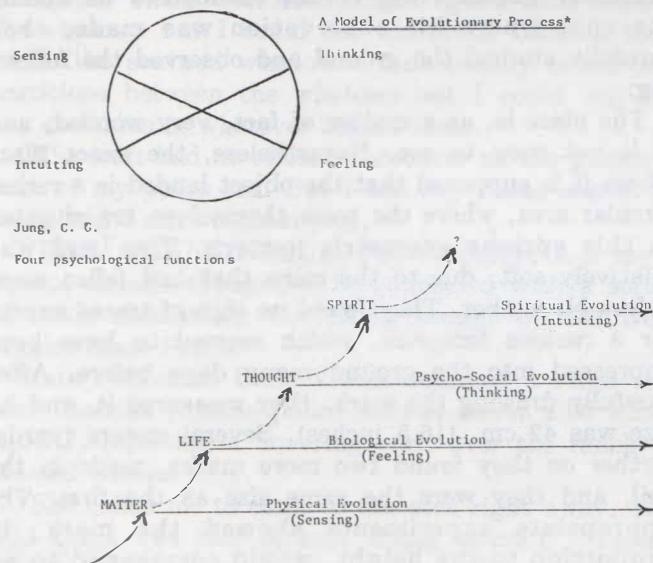
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MODEL OF UFO EVIDENCE

By R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.
Conclusion

Now for the moment, let us assume that I am telling a true story. Let us suppose that I am not lying; that these two people are accurate and honest in describing the details of their sighting and in recalling the details of their first meeting. Then, we could ask ourselves, "who has the knowledge and the technology to arrange lights in the sky, in response to a mental request for a 'sign,' which can be interpreted as a replication of an earlier experience of these particular observers at this particular space-time location?" I don't know about your answers, but my answer is, "I don't know!"

If we no longer grant the earlier assumption, then I could be lying, or mistaken; the two observers could be lying, or mistaken; you listeners could be wasting your time in considering the *meaning* of UFO experiences, rather than using your valuable time to run outside and discover the reality of UFO experiences!



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PERSONAL BIAS

My personal bias is to accept, tentatively, the hypothesis of Cosmic Consciousness Conditioning (CCC) to deal with the mass of evidence for UFO experiences, (Sprinkle, 1976). This hypothesis suggests that the UFO display is an educational experience for the UFO observer; the event "teaches" the observer that her or his view of reality is OK, but it also is incomplete. Further, the observer cannot "prove" that the UFO experience happened as a physical space-time event. The UFO witness may be puzzled and frightened, but the important feeling is that "something" has happened which is so significant that the life style of the witness is altered. UFO abductees or contactees apparently go through a mental and spiritual transformation; they have a "mission:" to assist Humankind in its social transformation.

Thus, the UFO display - according to the CCC hypothesis - provides the UFO contactee with an experience which can be interpreted as a physical display, engineered by biological beings, with a psycho-social context, in order to achieve a spiritual purpose.

If we assume, for the moment, that this hypothesis is worthy of consideration; and if we assume that UFO contactees are accurate in describing their UFO experiences, and the messages which they receive; then we can suppose, tentatively, that UFO activity is a huge operation, involving more and more humans each year. Each UFO witness, or contactee, is given an individual display or experience, but the overall effect is to change human consciousness, to modify social beliefs. For a marvelously artistic and scientific view of the changing patterns of belief, see the book by Blair (1976), *Rhythms of Vision*.

A cultural transformation is occurring — without a grand governmental grant; without a massive military movement; without an elite educational endeavor; without a persuasive political program. A cultural transformation is occurring among ordinary people of Earth; this transformation should be frightening to anyone who has vested interest in maintaining an outmoded world view; in other words, this transformation should be frightening to every single person on Planet Earth!

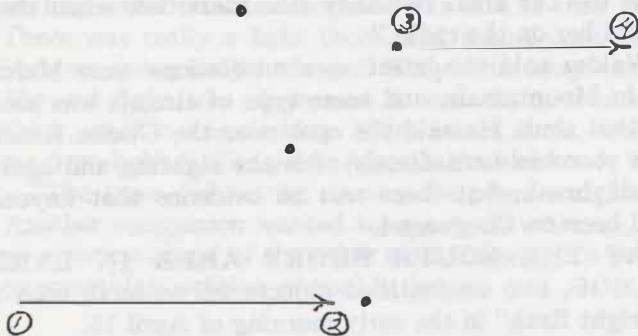
SUMMARY and CONCLUSIONS

Those models of UFO activity which accept a multi-level view of reality, and which allow the possibility that any investigator can accumulate any UFO evidence to support any UFO hypothesis, are useful because they allow a "fun" game and "fair" game: "fair" because any interested participant can find the evidence which is being sought; "fun" because the eventual task will be to seek aesthetic as well as accurate combinations of data, evidence, information, knowledge, theories, and wisdom.

I cannot predict what will become of Big Foot,

Bermuda Triangle, Daylight Discs, Close Encounters, Little Green Men, Mutilations, Men in Black, and Nocturnal Lights. I cannot predict the eventual evidence for those topics which relate to human consciousness. I am aware that significant knowledge about human behavior is being developed. For example, see the difficult but brilliant book by Foulkes (1978), *A Grammar of Dreams*. Perhaps, someday, linguistic and cognitive models can be applied to the analysis and interpretation of the UFO experience.

Meanwhile, I close with these hypotheses about the possible significance of UFO activity.



HYPOTHESES ABOUT UFO ACTIVITY

1. If UFO occupants are flesh and blood entities, then they are highly advanced creatures.
2. If UFO occupants are animals and/or robots, then they are controlled by highly advanced creatures.
3. If UFO contactees are receiving "untrue" messages, then humans may be involved in a struggle or a war with an alien civilization or between two or more civilizations.
4. If UFO contactees are receiving "true" messages, then humans are being taught to meditate, to increase their personal awareness, and to increase their knowledge of the universe.
5. More and more contactees, who believe that special knowledge has been implanted in their minds, will seek out other contactees in order to share their special knowledge.
6. Advances in scientific knowledge will be made along those lines which permit humans to prepare for space-time travel; to gain an appreciation of ancient civilizations; to predict earthquakes and other earth changes; to learn more about cloning and genetics; to explore various psychic phenomena; and to develop a greater sense of personal ethics and social responsibility.
7. A network of communities or centers of contactees will be established in strategic areas.
8. Mass communications on Earth will continue to emphasize the theme that "we are not alone."
9. UFO contacts will continue to be experienced by more and more humans; however, the contacts will occur gradually until a majority of humans accept the various levels of physical, biological, psycho-

logical, and spiritual realities of UFO activity.

10. If UFO entities are extra-terrestrial and seek to establish formal contact with Earth people, they will wait until Earth governments acknowledge the peaceful presence of UFO entities.
11. If UFO entities are extra-terrestrial and do not seek to establish formal contact with Earth people, then they will wait until Earth people have developed space-time travel and have made contact "out there" with UFO entities.
12. If UFO entities are extra-dimensional and seek to establish formal contact with Earth people, they will wait until Earth governments acknowledge the peaceful presence of UFO entities.
13. If UFO entities are extra-dimensional and do not seek to establish formal contact with Earth people, then Earth people will continue to believe that UFO contacts were a "myth."
14. The significance of UFO phenomena is not in what they are, but what they mean.
15. *The Name of the Game:* UFO activity is one segment of a program to change human consciousness so that, individually and collectively, humans change from Planetary Persons to Cosmic Citizens.

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PRESS REPORTS

By Iris Maack

POLICE IN RANDOM AREAS OF MICHIGAN reported similar sightings from December through March, 1979.

Deputy Sheriff Joel Vincent, of the Mecosta County Sheriff's Department in Barryton, was about five miles west of Barryton when he sighted "a very bright light in the sky." After further observation from his police cruiser, he said, "It was getting bigger and brighter and seemed to be too big and bright to be a helicopter or airplane. At the time, I could not see a craft or anything like that, only the light. The light was about 50 feet across and it seemed to be brighter than an aircraft landing light which I have observed before."

"I took my foot off the gas trying to observe what was in the sky. I dropped from 55 to 45 mph and continued to observe the light which was white in color through my windshield. Then it was turning to different colors such as blue, pink, and even green."

Vincent's superior, Mecosta County Sheriff Gerald Weis, reported a sighting February 16 near Horsehead Lake. He saw what he took to be a "large low flying plane - only with an odd arrangement of lights."

He said it was too low to the ground and flying relatively slow. "It had either five or six lights on a flat plane and they weren't flashing. I've never seen lights on a plane quite like that." Weis didn't leave his car and was unable to report any sound.

Several reports were called in that night to the Sheriff's Department reporting a similar sighting and a "vacuum sound."

A final observation from Vincent's report was that "the windows looked like airplane windows. They were not square and not completely round, but more like hexagons. There were also bright lights from behind the windows but I could not see inside because they were like stained windows. I definitely could see partitions between the windows but I could not see any creatures or whatever behind them."

"The craft had no effect whatsoever on the performance of my police car. But I can say I was scared to death and I can't explain that."

NEAR ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, a mysterious aircraft thought to be connected with a series of cattle mutilations was being sought by the New Mexico State Police.

State Policeman Gabe Valdez received a radio call from Jicarilla Apache police matron about 2:00 a.m., April 7, reporting a hovering craft over the ranch of Manuel Gomez.

"She called me to come to the area right away. She said there was this strange flying aircraft." Valdez said he stopped during the three or four minutes it took him to get to the spot and he saw the craft hovering about 100 feet over the ground.

"It had red and green lights. I couldn't tell the size and there was absolutely no sound." Valdez said the craft "had to be" some type of helicopter because it went straight up and left the scene.

The area where the incident took place is in a mixing plant with a nearby gravel pit. Valdez said about 100 head of cattle are kept there during the winter. He said Gomez has lost eight cattle this year in unexplained "mutilations".

The craft reportedly headed west toward Farmington after it left the scene.

"It was really a coincidence," Valdez said, "the matron got really close. She had her lights off because kids use the area. But they (the fliers) left when they heard her on the radio."

Valdez said the latest area mutilations were March 28 in Mountainair, and some type of aircraft was seen at that time. He said the spot near the Gomez Ranch was searched immediately after the sighting and again at daybreak, but there was no evidence that anyone had been on the ground.

AT THE SOUTH SHORE AREA IN LAKE TAHOE, two unidentified objects fell to earth with a "Bright flash" in the early morning of April 15.

The two strange objects were seen by two on-duty South Lake Tahoe policemen and citizens of the area as they fell out of the sky and hit with a flash somewhere between Freel Peak and Echo Summit.

Sgt. Warren Smith, search and rescue coordinator with the Sheriff's department at North Shore, said he is reviewing reports from police and citizens who saw the 1:25 a.m. event.

The two on-duty police officers are quoted in the two-page report as seeing the objects "which didn't appear to be falling stars. They had no tail . . . when the objects hit the ground there was a bright flash."

The officers were further validated as reports around the area were made by substantial citizens and other area law officers. The Sheriff's report also states that Douglas County Sheriff's deputies in Nevada sighted the two orange objects as they fell to earth.

According to the report, Douglas County Officials said the two UFOs emitted bright flashes of light when they hit ground about three quarters mile behind Harrah's Tahoe at "just about the state line."

IN PROBABLY WHAT IS THE MOST REALISTIC APPROACH ANY GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN IN SOLVING THE UFO ENIGMA, RUSSIA has become the first country to order an official UFO alert.

Citizens have been asked to report any sightings directly to the Soviet Academy of Science.

A leading Soviet UFO expert, Professor Aleksei Zolotoz, said, "This is the first admission by the academy that secret UFO research is being conducted on this level . . . the academy is calling for help. The matter must be urgent."

The alert was called as the result of a spectacular sighting over the Petrozavodsk area recently.

A journalist, Nikolai Milov, said, "The UFO hung

in the night sky at least two hours at an altitude of 60 miles. It was the center of great activity as much smaller bodies appeared to dart away from it while others seemed to approach and disappear into immense portholes."

Soviet physicist Dr. Vladimir Azhatha commented, "In my view, it was a mother ship from outer space. Its appearance seems to indicate that an extraterrestrial civilization is in the final stage prior to communication with earth."

JEAN-LUE RIVERA REPORTS THAT UFOs were spoken of in Bulgaria at this time. The fact is rare, as the eastern countries usually keep the most absolute silence in this matter. Nevertheless, the Bulgarian press, while showing a series of pictures of the phenomenon and relating the witnesses' declaration, doesn't make any commentaries, leaving the experts to draw their own conclusions. Even the Militia.

An industrial poultry-raising firm employee, near Flaven, boarded his bus with six other persons on December 29 at 5:25 a.m. He noticed a luminous source coming from a southerly direction.

"It was not a star," the witness pointed out, "the object came down at eye level on the Levetch Road pacing the bus for several minutes at a distance of a few hundred meters. I stopped. I saw the object hovering above a field. It emitted a blue and yellow light. I called the militia immediately to alert them."

"Around 8:00 a.m., a second luminous object passed nearby the first, which was still stationary. A few minutes later the first one went to Flaven and stayed there until about 11:00 a.m. It was ovoid in shape, slightly jagged on the sides."

New Mexico Representative

Mr. Fernando J. Tellez Pareja has been named APRO's new Representative for Mexico. Mr. Tellez has served APRO well in his capacity as Field Investigator and has contributed much to the knowledge of UFO activity in Mexico.

Mr. Tellez is currently Executive Information Director-Manager for *Contactos Extreterrestres* Magazine.

A Short Summary of Australasian Entity Reports for 1978

Compiled by Keith Basterfield

1977 saw five reported observations of UFO entities within Australia and New Zealand, which was an increase over previous years. The five accounts came from Tasmania, Queensland, West Australia (one each) and New Zealand (two).

New Zealand was experiencing somewhat of a flap around December 1977 and this seems to have continued into early 1978 for our first two entity reports for that year come from this country.

During January a young couple of Warkworth had seen a number of coloured lights moving around on several occasions. One time the husband stood at their back door and flashed his torch at one of the lights. The light apparently descended and landed 50 metres away in a paddock. It was round and saucer-shaped, silver in colour and glowing.

A door opened up and a tall figure stood there, apparently 2 to 2.3 metres in height. The man waved at the figure, who waved back. The door then closed and the object rose to 15 metres above the ground, then departed.¹

Two months later on the 2nd of April a Ms. Lee Robinson of East Coast Bays was travelling along a road on a motorcycle at 8:30 p.m. when she saw lights flashing in the distance. She stopped the bike as the lights came closer. "I thought a star had exploded, but the lights seemed to revolve, like a lighthouse." As the lights came closer she saw a wedge-shaped object, broad at the front and narrow at the back. There were also two red lights and a green one. The object stopped about 200 metres away, and there were two figures clearly visible peering down at her. These figures were visible from the waist up, and seemed to be wearing dark robes.

Ms. Robinson said she stared petrified for several minutes, then a car appeared from the opposite direction and the object moved away.²

Next it was the turn of Queensland to produce a report of two unusual figures, although no UFO was associated with them. On the 7th of April, at about 5:30 p.m. a hunter who wished to be known only as Mr. K. was travelling along a lonely stretch of road near Dayborough, when his car became bogged in mud. Upon getting out of the car to inspect the situation he saw what he took to be two figures walking in a paddock some 100 metres away on his left.

The figures were wearing what appeared to be white jumpsuits, were human in appearance and some 120 centimeters tall. Somewhat shaken Mr. K. took a look through his riflescope. He then jumped back in his car and tried to start it, with no success. Getting out of the car he found the figures staring at him, so he ran up the road to find help.³

Another incident which involved a short duration appearance of an unusual man but no UFO occurred at 10:40 p.m. on the 25th of June at Fairview Park, a northern suburb of the city of Adelaide, South Australia. A man and his wife were driving home in a car, when upon navigating a roundabout in the road, the man who was driving thought he saw or did see, a figure next to the car for a few seconds. He swerved to avoid what he believed to be a person standing in front of the car to avoid a collision, but upon looking back there was no one there. The figure, about 140 to 150

centimetres tall, had a dark complexion. A suggestion has been made that this could have been a misperception.⁴

It was almost the end of the year before our last two reports occurred and both came from Tasmania. Firstly, on the 9th of November at Risdon Vale, at 3:15 a.m. a man on the night shift driving a taxi was returning from dropping off a fare when an incident happened. He saw a green shape with a green glow around the outside move off the side of the road to the centre and stop there. There was a high pitched squeal, static on his radio and the shape disappeared. The shape was described as 1½ metres tall, slightly tapering at the base and about 1/3 metre off the ground. Duration 5-10 seconds. The police checked the area but found nothing unusual.⁵

The last recorded entity event of the year came from a caravan park in Tasmania (location kept confidential at reporter's request) at 2 a.m. on the 28th of November. A woman resident woke up for no apparent reason and as there had been cases of petrol stealing she went outside to check the car. It was a still clear night and seemed light as if there were a moon although she doesn't recall seeing it. She turned to go inside when she caught sight of two short figures alongside a boat 15 metres away. She went inside and got her dressing gown and returned outside, and the figures were still there. After 2-3 minutes she became uneasy and went to bed.

The figures were described as 75 centimetres tall, and of human form. The front figure had on the upper half a light coloured T-shirt effect, rounded at the neck. No hands or feet were visible. There was no movement except for the arms which seemed to wave or ripple alongside the body. The rear figure was really just seen as a dark shape.⁵

So ended 1978.

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Material supplied by members of the Australian Entity Study Group, Paul Jackson of Hobart, Bill Chalker of Sydney and myself of Adelaide from the following sources:

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A UFO

By P. Wayne LaPorte
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If you see what may be a UFO, you should do the following:

- 1) Mentally note when you first and last saw the object. If you don't have a wristwatch, start counting one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, etc. Each count takes one second to say.
- 2) Determine travel direction by noting some landmark it is heading for.
- 3) Establish the angle of elevation. Zero is straight ahead. Half-way to overhead is 45°. Overhead is 90°.
- 4) Point at the object with your finger. Compare object's size with your finger width.
- 5) Hold your hand out and time the object's passage between your outstretched thumb and little finger.
- 6) Notice as much as you can about the object. Look for any unusual features, colors, marking, etc. Note how the craft flies. Are there any unusual odors in the air? Listen for a sound. If you are traveling in a car, roll down the windows, and listen for any motor or engine sounds.
- 7) Note any unusual effects on radios, lights, clocks, CBs, and motors in your house or car. If any are affected, mentally note which ones are affected and in what sequence. Did they come back on by themselves or did they have to be re-started?
- 8) Look and listen for any animal reactions.
- 9) If you have a camera, concentrate on getting good pictures. Make sure camera settings are correct. Take one photo, then drop to your knees and shoot another. Get up. Take four steps and again drop to your knees. Snap another one. Now get back on your feet and continue snapping the shutter once every three seconds. Try to get a portion of the landscape in at least one of your photos. If there are witnesses around, photograph them in between shots of UFO. Also, if at night, snap a picture of the moon before removing the film. Take the camera with the film still in it to a photolab. Have an employee there witness removal of the film from the camera.
- 10) As soon as possible, write down all the details that you can recall. Be sure to write down time, place, date, and duration of your sighting. Also, sketch out what you saw.
- 11) If you see an object land, don't go near it. Some UFOs have irradiated the soil at landing sites with microwave and nuclear radiation. Wait until the object leaves, then inspect the area. Look for swirled grass, burned spots, denuded areas, and landing leg depressions. If any landing traces are found, place rocks around marks and drive a stake into the ground next to the depressions. Photograph the site — especially the landing marks. Select the best mark and make a plaster casting. Collect soil samples from within and without the landing area.

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